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measures taken to check smuggling of narcotics and spurious drugs at I.G.I. Airport, New Delhi include screening of passenger baggage, courier parcels & mail bags by Baggage X-ray Machines, rummaging of aircrafts, catering trollies etc., deployment of sniffer dogs, etc. A special Narcotics Cell has been created and highly advanced IONSCAN Machine has been installed at I.G.I. Airport, New Delhi to add more teeth to the efforts to detect and prevent narcotics smuggling.

Income Tax from Private Schools

4181. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA:

SHRI K. M. KHAN:

SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to bring the mushrooming number of public schools under the income tax net;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the income tax will be levied during the assessment year 2001-2002; and

(d) if so, the revenue likely to be generated from these public schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d) "No proposal is under consideration of the Government for levy of new taxes and/or reduction of exemptions available to public schools. Public schools, however, are required to pay income tax as per provisions of law unless their income is specifically exempt under section 10(23C) or section 11 of the Income tax Act."